



Fact Sheet

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Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG)

Working to Reduce Violent Crime in Maryland

Program Information:

The Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) program, administered by Bureau of Justice Assistance and authorized under Public Law 109-162, is the cornerstone federal justice assistance program. Administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the BJAG Program is the leading source of federal justice funding for state and local jurisdictions. BJAG supports the federal government's crucial role in spurring innovation, as well as testing and replicating evidence-based practices nationwide.

The original Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program (Byrne Formula) grew out of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (1968 Act) to assist state and local governments in strengthening and improving the operation of law enforcement functions in the states. States and units of local government were encouraged to prepare comprehensive strategic plans based upon evaluation of state and local "problems of law enforcement," and to conduct research and development on improving law enforcement and developing new and innovative ways to prevent and reduce crime.

BJAG Federal Purpose Areas

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecution & Courts
- Prevention & Education
- Corrections & Community Corrections
- Drug Treatment & Enforcement
- Crime Victim & Witness Initiatives
- Planning, Evaluation & Technology Improvement

Eligibility:

- State Government Agencies
- Local Government Agencies
- Non-Profit, Non-Governmental Victim Services Programs including Faith-Based and Community Organizations,
- Institutes of higher learning; and
- State/local public and private entities

Match: Not Required

Tentative Dates for the BJAG Program:

- NOFA posted: March / April
- Electronic and Hard Copy Due Dates: June
- Project Start Date: October 1

Supported Programs

- Livescan
- Criminal Justice Dashboard
- License Plate Recognition (LPR) system
- Maryland Community Services Locator (MDCSL)
- Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)
- Hospital-Based Domestic Violence Programs
- Juvenile Diversion Program
- Drug Court Case Management Programs

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Technical Assistance Videos are available at <http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/>

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